

ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS DOWN 3 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

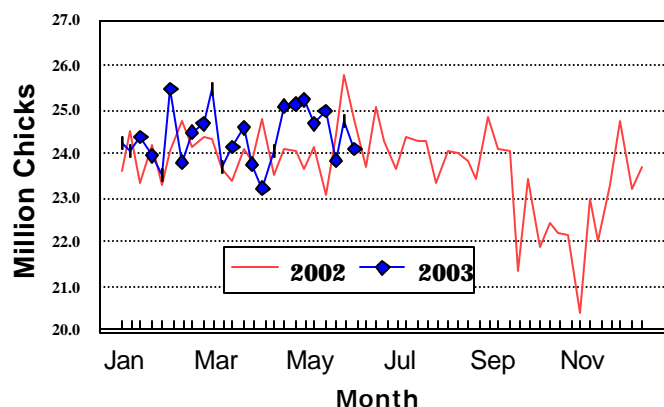
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 24.1 million during the week ending June 14, 2003. Placements were down 3 percent from both the comparable week in 2002, and the previous week, and included 2.4 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through June 14, 2003 were 585.5 million, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 25.9 million, up fractionally from the corresponding week a year earlier, but down slightly from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.7 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 83.5 percent.

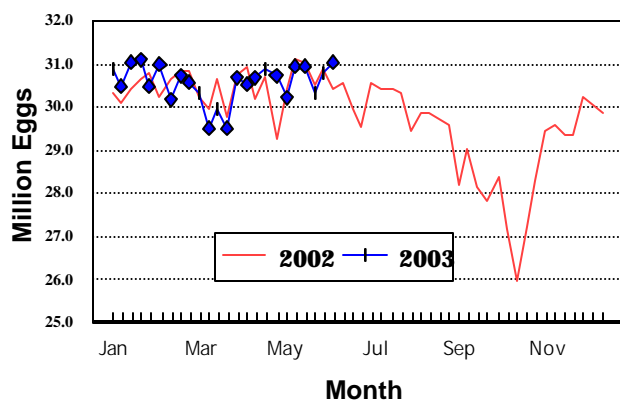
Arkansas hatcheries set 31.1 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending June 14, 2003, up 2 percent from the same period last year, and up 1 percent from the previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2002	2003	% Change	2002	2003	% Change	2002	2003	% Change
	1,000			1,000			1,000		
May 10	23,651	25,204	107	25,216	25,441	101	30,436	30,235	99
May 17	24,175	24,690	102	25,713	25,804	100	31,108	30,945	99
May 24	23,111	24,987	108	24,415	25,656	105	31,069	30,963	100
May 31	24,442	23,863	98	25,320	25,136	99	30,531	30,302	99
Jun. 7	25,785	24,744	96	25,986	25,944	100	30,870	30,797	100
Jun. 14	24,765	24,094	97	25,846	25,855	100	30,448	31,052	102

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2002-2003



EGGS SET, 2002 - 2003



BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2003

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/	Week Ending						1/
	24-May	31-May	07-Jun	14-Jun	%	10-May	17-May	24-May	31-May	07-Jun	14-Jun	%
Alabama	29,070 *	29,179	29,247	28,589	98	21,208	21,681	21,899	21,477	21,747	22,363	106
ARKANSAS	30,963	30,302	30,797	31,052	102	25,204	24,690	24,987	23,863	24,744	24,094	97
Delaware	3,892	3,752	3,761	3,640	100	5,298	5,085	4,848	4,316 *	4,839 *	4,872	91
Florida	1,329	1,325	1,329	1,329	56	1,859	1,953 *	1,876 *	1,836 *	1,450	1,535	63
Georgia	32,375 *	32,684	32,625	32,113	98	24,902 *	24,641 *	25,248 *	25,325 *	26,154 *	26,592	103
Kentucky	6,569 *	6,584 *	6,623 *	6,579	94	5,654	5,341	5,638	5,049	5,973 *	5,729	94
Maryland	9,774	9,571 *	9,572 *	9,569	96	6,278	6,158	6,380	7,114 *	6,686 *	6,968	110
Mississippi	19,624	19,624	19,637	19,470	102	16,277	16,014	16,506	16,036	16,655	16,786	104
N. Carolina	18,967 *	18,759	19,272	18,615	102	15,184	15,019	15,110	15,140	14,834	15,174	100
Oklahoma	6,557	6,452	6,633	6,732	100	4,593 *	5,276 *	4,818 *	4,471 *	5,461 *	5,651	116
Pennsylvania	3,874 *	3,997 *	3,811 *	3,942	98	2,677	2,639	2,676	2,729 *	2,750 *	2,837	103
S. Carolina	4,989	4,845	4,864 *	4,535	95	4,282	4,245	3,852	4,388	4,668 *	3,713	81
Texas	15,069	15,068	14,920	14,888	98	12,642	12,570	12,560	12,552	12,503	12,563	103
Virginia	6,620	6,617	6,617	6,617	103	5,945	5,693	5,309	5,165	5,055	5,079	96
CAL,MO,IN,WV	21,348 *	21,203	21,356	21,230	101	18,899 *	20,041 *	19,747 *	20,066 *	18,400 *	19,392	95
Total 2003	211,020 *	209,962 *	211,064 *	208,900		170,902 *	171,046 *	171,454 *	169,527 *	171,919 *	173,348	
Total 2002	213,027	212,345	212,336	210,870		172,081	171,004	171,336	172,385	174,118	173,320	
% Prev. Year	99	99	99	99		99	100	100	98	99	100	
Approximate Marketing Date 2003.....						28-Jun	05-Jul	12-Jul	19-Jul	26-Jul	02-Aug	

* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 209 million eggs during the week ending June 14, 2003. This was down 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP SLIGHTLY

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 173 million chicks for meat production during the week ending June 14, 2003. Placements were up slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through June 14, 2003 were 4.03 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.